

Application No. 09/914,552
Supplemental Amendment dated September 11, 2003
Reply to Office Action dated February 26, 2003

REMARKS

Reconsideration and continued examination of this application are respectfully requested. As noted, this amendment supplements the previous amendment filed on August 25, 2003, by facsimile. New claim 49 has been introduced by way of this amendment. Accordingly, claims 1 and 27-49 are pending.

The new claims are fully supported by the present application, and no new matter has been added.

The previous comments set forth in the Amendment filed August 25, 2003, are fully incorporated herein by reference and will not be repeated.

For the reasons set forth in the Amendment filed on August 25, 2003, all pending claims are not taught or suggested by the cited art set forth in the rejections. All others matters set forth in the Office Action dated February 26, 2003, have been addressed in the Amendment filed August 25, 2003.

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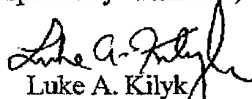
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the present application and a timely allowance of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by Applicants or Applicants' undersigned representative is desirable and/or necessary, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to deposit Account No. 50-0925. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to said Deposit Account.

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